

THE HUNGRY.

DECIDEDLY RICH.

The following is from the Editor's Table, of the *Knickerbocker*, and savor strongly of the real, "ginormous" wit of "Old Knick."

In my native town of M—, in the year 18—, could be seen, two afternoons of each week, a large collection of devoted ladies duly organized into a "Sewing Circle." Among the "sewers" that went forth to sew on these occasions, was a maiden lady of about 40— by name, Desire Ayres. She was an inventive snuff-taker, and her nasal twang was not particularly agreeable to anybody; and she was sometimes, to the inconsiderate, the subject of practical jokes.

By the aid of the "Circle," five promising young men were enabled to graduate from — University, and expected to enter the ministry. But to the great indignation of Desire and others, one had a "call" from a charming young widow to take charge of a plantation, which of course, he accepted.— Another had a "call" to quick medicines; another to school teaching, although he soon arrived to great distinction as a horse jockey; and David Jones, Esq., can "post you up" as to the fourth. The last, Mr. P—, a blundering, near-sighted, absent-minded man, graduated at the Theological Seminary, and went as a missionary to an island in the Pacific. After twenty years' absence, he returned to visit the scenes of his boyhood, and to look upon the faces of those who had so kindly assisted him. The joy of the old folks at home knew no bounds. The young people caught the excitement. A score of old women followed him wherever he went, and compelled him to pass but a single night under the same roof. They lived over again the scenes of the "Sewing Circle." The biography of those striped pantaloons was repeated. Every evening, for many weeks, Mr. P— held "meetings" at the different houses, where he repeated, again and again, the story of the thousand conversions, over which the delighted villagers cackled like pigeons over their first egg; and each old lady that had set a stitch for the "Circle," took full credit for every conversion, reserving but a small share for the missionary.

No one followed up the meetings more constantly than a little old woman with a wizzed up face, of the shape and color of a cocoanut. Her head was deposited in the extreme corner of a huge, flaring bonnet, of a fashion that had outrun the memory of man. This was the veritable Desire Ayres. Nor had the new growth of boys ceased to tease her.

To-night there is a meeting at Beacon F's. It is November, and the house is crowded. Mr. P— stands in the doorway, where the "keeping-room" opens into the kitchen. The village aristocracy is in one, and the boys and servants in the other. In the kitchen a fire-place "is a place," in which half the village might assemble and gossip. The services have commenced. All is hushed. And now Desire marches in, and brushing a small boy off his chair, takes it, and seats herself before the huge fire-place. The boys look at each other and laugh. They believe more in Desire than in P—. They pile the wood on the fire, and are pleased to see her move back, as the heat increases beyond her endurance. And now some chestnut wood begins to "snap," and Desire again pushed open the cellar door, and down she goes, chin and all, to the bottom of the stairs! Mr. P—, apparently half asleep, walks calmly to the cellar door, and looks down into the darkness, without offering to assist, or to let any extra pair of hands to her relief!

In a moment Desire comes trudging upstairs, dragging her chair behind her, her bonnet terribly distorted. She goes to her first position, and raising her chair as high as she conveniently can, brings it to the floor with a whack; and then sits down, and attempts to get her bonnet "into condition" until the meeting is over.

On the following Sabbath Mr. P— preached, as a matter of course. The usual requests for "prayers for the afflicted" were made; and among the rest, one handed to Mr. P—, as he passed through the entry. It ran as follows:

"Desire Ayres desires prayers

"To putndown the Deacon's stairs."

'Here Mr. P— paused, and eyed the note for a minute or more. Whether the writing was bad, or he disliked the sentiment, is not now known; but he placed the note by his side, and still kept his eye on it. The last two lines, however, he did not read, which were as follows:

"She broke no bones nor bruised no meat

"That either eats or dogs could eat!"

SOME FUN ABOUT SHANGHAI!

We copy the following from the *Sunday Times*, relative to the Shanghai:—The ordinary varieties of the domestic foul are completely overshadowed, literally and metaphorically, by the Shanghai. Like Marcia, the Shanghai rooster "towers above his sex," and like everything "on stilts" in this world, attracts a corresponding degree of admiration. Yet he is a gaunt colossus, made up "lamey and unfashionable"—as "shaky about the knees" as he is uncomely in appearance. The Chinese are a wonderful people in some respects. By a diminuendo process, they will reduce you any species of tree to the size of a cabbage, or vice versa, exaggerate a small bird or animal, by cultivation, to an extraordinary bulk or altitude. The "basis" of the domestic cock and hen, is, we believe, the jungle cock—measuring, when on his dignity, about eight inches in height, while the shambling Shanghai rooster, which never stands upon its dignity, for it has none, can feel from the top of a four barrel. "Size" is the measure of power, other conditions being equal, say the phrenologists. Now by this rule, the Shanghai being six times the size of the bantam "ought to lick said bantam 'other conditions being equal.' But they aint. The Shanghai is such a poor, spunkless creature, that a plucky little pug in leather breeches will thrash him in, in the presence of his assembled harem, in less than three minutes. We speak by the card, for a neighbor of ours wears Shanghai, and another neighbor cultivates bantams, and between the two feathered families there is ill blood. Among the ornamental brood their stalks a monstrous rooster—a knock-kneed, booted, ungainly ogre, with a deep asthmatic croak, that sounds like the bellowing of a bull calf through a worsed stocking, and a gait that reminds you of the Kentucky giant. Between him and the bashaw of the bantams the collisions are frequent, but in all cases the mandarin of the Shanghais, after a few ineffectual demonstrations, turns his tracks and vanishes with prodigious strides, the bantam hanging on to his short tail feathers, like "Cuttie Sark" to the scandal appendage of Tan O'Shaunter's mare, until the bold tears out, whereupon the

victor elevates his crest and indulges in a falsetto cock-a-doodle-doo! We rejoice in these triumphs of pygmyism over gawkism; for the fact is, the misbegotten celestial has a vile habit of crowing with all his might every ten minutes or so, from two o'clock A.M., till day light, and hence our hatred of Shanghai. We hope that when the Chinese rebels reach Shanghai, they will annihilate the breed."

SHERIFF'S SALE.—JAMES STILES, guard, etc., Valentine Atty., etc.—In Partition.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed from the Court of Common Pleas of Belmont County, Ohio, at the term of 1853, I will offer for sale on

SATURDAY, the 10th day of December, 1853, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M., of said day, at the front door of the Court House, in the town of Belmont, in the state of Ohio, and in section No. 36, township 5 and range 2, in the west corner of the same, a tract of land containing 127 acres more or less, and is the same premises which 2 acres were deeded by Jesus Penrose & wife to Frederick Atch, and 102 acres were deeded by the same to the westquarter of said section 36, township 5 and range 2. The terms of sale will be as follows: one-half in hand on the day of sale, and the balance to be paid in monthly installments on the payment of taxes from the day of sale.

JOHN C. NICHOLS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Nov. 4th, 1853.—G.W.

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JOHN H. ATTON, Clerk.

B. S. & D. T. COVAN, Atty's for piffs.

OCT. 28, 1853.]

JANE RUSK vs. CATHARINE RUSK,

et al.—Belmont Common Pleas. Petition for divorce.

The plaintiff, Jane Rusk, of the town of Belmont, filed a petition against her husband, Catharine Rusk, of the same, for divorce, on the 28th ult. The defendant, Catharine Rusk, filed a counter-petition, on the 29th ult. The cause is now pending in the Belmont Common Pleas, and is to be tried on the 1st of January next.

TERENCE WICKS, et al.,

et al.—McMahon's Caves, Petition for divorce.

The plaintiff, Terence Wicks, of the town of Belmont, filed a petition against his wife, McMahon's Caves, of the same, for divorce, on the 28th ult. The cause is now pending in the Belmont Common Pleas, and is to be tried on the 1st of January next.

JOHN THOMPSON,

Atty's for piffs.

OCT. 28, 1853.—W.

PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By order of Court.—The undersigned administrators of the estate of Hugh Creighton, dec'd., will offer for sale on

TUESDAY, the 13th day of December

next, following described real estate, to wit: 30 feet front on the east side of Mill St. in Zanesville, two miles south of the town of Claysville, Ohio, and two miles from the town of Belmont, in the County of Belmont, Ohio, containing 127 acres more or less, and is the same premises which 2 acres were deeded by Jesus Penrose & wife to Frederick Atch, and 102 acres were deeded by the same to the westquarter of said section 36, township 5 and range 2. The terms of sale will be as follows: one-half in hand on the day of sale, and the balance to be paid in monthly installments on the payment of taxes from the day of sale.

ANDREW GRIER,

Atty's for Hugh Creighton, dec'd.

OCT. 28, 1853.—W.

NOTICE IN PARTITION.—Lewis Mobley and Catharine Mobley, his wife, Alexander Woodburn, Albert Jones and Jane Jones, his wife, John Woodburn, and the common heirs of Nancy Gates, late of the town of Belmont, Ohio, deceased, and William Gilmore, will take notice that an amended petition was filed against them on the 1st ult. of October, 1853, in the Court of Common Pleas of Belmont County, Ohio, by Terence Wicks, and Rosanna Duval, his wife, and will take notice that an amended petition was filed against them on the 2d ult. of October, 1853, in the same Court by Terence Wicks, and Rosanna Duval, his wife, and will take notice that an amended petition was filed against them on the 3d ult. of October, 1853, in the same Court by Terence Wicks, and Rosanna Duval, his wife, and will take notice that an amended petition was filed against them on the 4th ult. of October, 1853, in the same Court by Terence Wicks, and Rosanna Duval, his wife, and will take notice that an amended petition was filed 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